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Resolution offered: Councilman Ben-Yishay	No. 2015-161
Resolution seconded by: : Councilman Donovan	

### **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING COMPLETE STREETS INITIATIVE**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of River Vale is committed to creating a pedestrian and bikeway system that makes walking and cycling a viable alternative to driving, and which improves bicyclist and pedestrian safety, by creating street corridors that safely accommodate all road users of all abilities and disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Transportation's Complete Streets policy states "A Complete Street is defined as providing safe access for all users by designing and operating a comprehensive, integrated, connected multi-modal network of transportation options."; and

**WHEREAS**, significant accomplishments have already been achieved by incorporating pedestrian safety and traffic calming measures when public streets are improved; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council supports this "complete streets" initiative and wishes to reinforce its commitment to creating a comprehensive, integrated, connected street network that safely accommodates all road users of all abilities and disabilities for all trips; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Transportation has established incentives within the Local Aid Program for municipalities and counties to develop a Complete Streets policy;

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the Township of River Vale hereby recognizes the importance of creating Complete Streets that enable safe travel by all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation riders and drivers, emergency vehicles and people of all ages and abilities, including children, youth, families, older adults, and individuals with disabilities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township of River Vale affirms that Complete Streets infrastructure addressing the needs of all users should be incorporated into all planning, design, approval, and implementation processes for any construction, reconstruction, or retrofit of streets, bridges, or other portions of the transportation network, including pavement resurfacing, restriping, and signalization operations if the safety and convenience of users can be improved within the scope of the work; however, such infrastructure may be excluded, upon written approval made publically available by the Township Council with input from the Township Engineer, where documentation and data indicate that: (1) Use by non-motorized users is prohibited by law; (2) The cost would be excessively disproportionate to the need or probable

future use over the long term; (3) Significant adverse environmental impacts outweigh the positive effects of the infrastructure.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that municipal departments and professionals, such as Department of Public Works, municipal planner, engineer and Zoning Officer should review and either revise or develop proposed revisions to all appropriate plans, zoning and subdivision codes, laws, procedures, rules, and regulations, including subsequent updates to the Township of River Vale Master Plan, to integrate, accommodate, and balance the needs of all users in all projects. Information and education will be provided to the municipal planning and zoning board to enhance understanding and implementation of Complete Streets concepts as part of design and plan review.

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X - Indicates Vote A.B. - Absent N.V - Not Voting (Abstained or Excused)

Dated: July 27, 2015

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the Resolution passed by the Township Council at their meeting

held on: July 27, 2015 Attest:   
 Karen Padva, Township Clerk